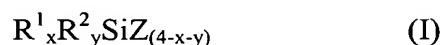


IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, lines 5 to 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The silicon compound A and/or B preferably used in the process of the invention is an organosilane of the general formula I



where the groups R^1 and R^2 are identical or different, and each is a linear, branched, or cyclic alkyl group having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, or a ω -chloroalkyl, ω -bromoalkyl, ω -iodoalkyl, ω -azidoalkyl, ω -cyanoalkyl, ω -cyanatoalkyl, ω -isocyanatoalkyl, fluoroalkyl or perfluoroalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, ω -acryloxyalkyl, ω -methacryloxyalkyl, sulfane, ω -mercaptoalkyl, sulfoxyalkyl, ω -thiocyanatoalkyl, ω -glycidyoxyalkyl, epoxyalkyl, alkenyloxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, ω -hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, carbonatoalkyl or a ureidoalkyl group, where each ~~alkylene-alkyl~~ alkyl or alkenyl group appropriately contains from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, R^2 is preferably methyl, Z is chloro, or a methoxy, ethoxy, isopropoxy, 2-methoxyethoxy or acetoxy group, and x is 1, 2, or 3, and y is 0, 1, or 2, with the proviso that $(x+y) \leq 3$.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, lines 2 to 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Other preferred silicon compounds A and B useful in the process of the invention are organosiloxanes based on at least one organosilane of the general formula I, or in particular organosiloxanes found in the German Patent Applications 199 55 047.6, 199 61 972.7, EP 0 518 057, EP 0 590 270, EP 0 716 127, EP 0 716 128, EP 0 760 372, EP 0 814 110, EP 0 832 911, EP 0 846 717, EP 0 846 716, EP 0 846 715, EP 0 953 591, EP 0 955 344, EP 0 960 921,

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EP 0 978 525, EP 0 930 342, EP 0 997 469, EP 1 031 593 and EP 0 075 697, ~~all incorporated~~
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